



Parent-to-Parent

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Chair Report

Next PAC meeting is not until March 22nd so please mark that date on your calendar and plan to join us at 7pm in the staffroom.

Also, a friendly reminder to parents to remember to support our teachers by keeping voices low in the halls during class time. At the start and end of the day it is often the most difficult time to keep students focused, especially if there is chatter and laughter just outside the door, and voices really carry in these hallways.

Photo orders

Most class and team/club photos were taken Feb 23rd. Proofs of these photos will be on display around the school after spring break and you will receive order envelopes at that time. The panorama photo will be taken in late March or early April depending on the weather. Order forms will be available in the office.

In June, each student receives a copy of the school yearbook. To be able to do this, we must order lots of class photos which are not in the yearbook. PLEASE order a class photo and help us to provide yearbooks for everyone to share on the last day of school. We will let you know when the proofs are on display!

School Schedule Proposal

The VSB is considering a district wide change to the school schedule and are asking for feedback. Please read through the materials below and send any comments to bgreenaway@shaw.ca before spring break so that I can forward them. Please note that we currently have an altered schedule for our early Friday dismissal and to allow for a 20 minute recess which do not fit in this schedule. As well the shortened lunch hour would create some challenges for our current lunchtime programs. All comments are welcome.

Outlined below are possible schedules that will meet the requirement of additional time to establish the alternate schedule. The key is that all schools have the same schedule at elementary and the same at secondary – the exact times and the length of recess nutrition breaks, start times etc can be dealt with by a district committee – This a five day a week schedule.

Elementary:

Period	Start	End
1	9:00	9:45
2	9:45	10:30
Recess	10:30	10:45
3	10:45	11:30
4	11:30	12:15
Lunch	12:15	1:00
5	1:00	1:40
6	1:40	2:20
7	2:20	3:01

Secondary:

Period	Start	End
1	8:30	9:52
2	9:57	11:18
Lunch	11:18	12:18
3	12:18	1:39
4	1:44	3:05

These schedules include an additional 16 or 17 minutes each day. The extra time worked would result in working 10 less days in the school year specifically:

- A day in October for a four day weekend at Thanksgiving
- A day in November to create a four day weekend around Remembrance Day
- Two days in mid-February for a four day weekend
- A day in May for a four day weekend at Victoria Day
- Five days added to the Spring Break

Process for changes to local school calendar would apply – in the school regulations.

This schedule if implemented throughout the district would save an estimated 1.0 to 1.3 million dollars.

Pizza Day

Our next Pizza Day is Friday March 26, 2010.

CARNARVON COUGARS SUN RUN TEAM

After watching and celebrating the success of our Canadian Olympic athletes now is the time to pursue your own athletic goals!

Join the Carnarvon Cougars Sun Run Team in either the 10km Sun Run or 2.5 km Mini Sun Run on **Sunday 9th May**.

Don't miss out on the Early Bird Deadline for the 10 km Sun Run- this Friday February 26th. Students \$17, Adults \$25.

Shaw Mini Sun Run: Regular Deadline March 31st. Students \$17.

Log onto:

https://activenet1.ca.active.com/vancouver_sunrun/

Click onto 'Team Registration: Schools', then select either 10km Sun Run or Shaw Mini Sun Run. Team name- **Carnarvon Cougars**. Password is **carnarvon2010** (all lower case).

Next training session- Thursday Feb.25th at 7.45 am on the "black top" - east/north - by the basketball hoops (rain or shine).

Any questions, or if you would like to help with the team please contact Lynda at lyndalawrence@shaw.ca.

Safe Arrival

We are still looking for volunteers to help out one or two mornings a month. Please email Patti Harris (bebop@shaw.ca) if you can help out.

Play at Lunch

Thanks for all your help volunteering for "Play at lunch". We would like to invite more parents to participate. "Play at lunch" is a great program for our students. They are able to use more "play - equipment" under supervision during their lunch hour. If we have enough parents, one group of students stays inside the activity room and one group uses the equipment outside. If you have any questions please contact Vera Brandt 604-738-2042 or e-mail at geraldldolman@telus.net. We also provide special introduction for parents with ESL.

